

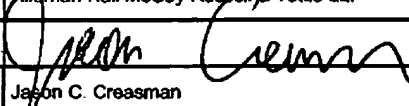
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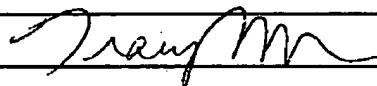
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office communication dated April 6, 2006, and in response to the Office action dated October 28, 2005, please consider the following:

Amendments to the specification : None
Amendments to the claims : Begin on page 2
Amendments to the drawings : None
Remarks : Begin on page 10